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- 1. ZAPATA AND STARKIST REPRESENTATIVES RETURNED TO GUAYAQUIL EVENING FEBRUARY 14 AFTER MEETING WITH US CAPTAINS AND ECUADOREAN NAVAL AUTHORITIES IN SALINAS. REPORT THAT CAPTAINS ALL ARE NOW RESIGNED TO INEVITABILITY OF OFFLOADING AND ANXIOUS TO GET IT OVER WITH. IN MEETING WITH SALINAS NAVAL BASE COMMANDER GALARZA, REPRESENTATIVES SAID THEY WOULD COMPLY WITH FORMAL ORDER TO MOVE IF ISSUED, BUT STILL WISH TO GET AUTHORIZATION FROM THEIR COMPANIES IN U.S. GALARZA DID NOT SET TIME FOR MOVEMENT.
- 2. REPRESENTATIVES ATTEMPTING CONTACT JENNINGS AND REAL BY TELEPHONE. WILL MEET SATURDAY FEBRUARY 15 WITH CHIEF OF STAFF RUIZ, FIRST NAVAL ZONE, AT TIME TO BE SET BY RUIZ. DEFINITE HOUR FOR MOVEMENT AND OFFLOADING HOPEFULLY WILL BE AGREED AT THAT MEETING.
- 3. SOUSA COMMENTED TO KELLER THAT FORMAL WRITTEN ORDER BY ECUADOREAN NAVY WOULD BE EQUIVALENT TO USE OF FORCE, WHICH HIS INSTRUCTIONS ALLOW HIM TO ACCEPT AS BASIS FOR MOVEMENT. NONETHELESS, HE STILL HOPS TO DOUBLECHECK WITH JENNINGS BEFORE ORDER ACTUALLY RECEIVED. HE SAYS BOATS PREPARED TO GET UNDERWAY FEBRUARY 15. CONFIDENTIAL

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